

Should the Examiner maintain the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect the following noncrosslinked species of group (a) for prosecution. Applicants elect the method of adhesion prevention utilizing a polyoxaester/glycolide copolymer having a first divalent repeating unit derived from 3,6-dioxaoctanedioic acid (structure IA of claim 1), and second repeating units derived from ethylene glycol (structure II of claim 1) and glycolide (structure III of claim 1). As shown in Example 2, a polyoxaester homopolymer is prepared from the methyl esters of 3,6-dioxaoctanedioic acid and ethylene glycol. The structure of such polymer is shown at page 37 of the application. The homopolymer then is reacted further with glycolide under conditions to form a polyoxaester/glycolide copolymer. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-15 and 19-24 read on this species.

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Applicants respectfully submit that foregoing is a complete response to the office action. Applicants further respectfully submit that claims 1-24 are patentable and respectfully request a notice of allowance to that effect.

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